

# NITE-TIMES NEWS

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## EDITOR'S NOTES

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Articles that appear in this issue are:

May CATUG Meeting  
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CATUG Member List

## MAY C.A.T.U.G. MEETING

The Chicago Area Timex Users Group meets on the third saturday of each month in the Downers Grove Public Library's Conference Room, from 12:00 to 5:00. The next meeting will be on the 21st of May. The library is located at 1050 Curtiss Street in

Downers Grove. The CATUG representative for this meeting is Steve Cooper and he can be contacted at (312) 968-3553.

**DIRECTIONS FROM THE NORTH:** Take I-294 (Tri-State Tollway) south to I-88 (East West Tollway). Drive west on I-88 and exit at Highland Avenue. Take Highland south about three miles, during which its name will change to Main Street. You will cross the Burlington-Northern tracks in downtown Downers Grove and turn right (west) at the next street (Burlington). Proceed one block to Forest Ave. At the intersection of Forest and Burlington is a public parking lot. The Library is located one block south of Burlington at the intersection of Curtiss and Forest. Please note that Burlington is a one-way street (westbound) and Curtiss is a one-way street (eastbound).

**DIRECTIONS FROM THE SOUTH:** Take I-55 (Stevenson Expwy) to the Lemont Rd North exit. Take Lemont Road north about four miles during which it will merge into Main Street. As you go into downtown Downers Grove, you will pass Curtiss Street, and turn left at the next intersection (Burlington), which is the last street before you cross the railroad tracks. Proceed one block west to Forest Ave. At the intersection of Forest and Burlington is a public parking lot. The Library is located one block south of Burlington at the intersection of Curtiss and Forest. Please note that Burlington is a one-way street (westbound) and Curtiss is a one-way street (eastbound).

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Donald Brumfield  
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Cary, NC 27511  
919-859-4142

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A full library of TS-1000 and TS-1500  
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tested) as well as utility software for screen  
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John McMichael  
1710 Palmer Drive  
Laramie, WY 82070

A large SASE gets you more info and a  
sample plot.

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## SINCLAIR NORTHAMERICA USERS GROUP

By Mel Nathanson

During one of the organizational meetings  
of the recent Sunstate Timex/Sinclair  
Winterfest '88, the idea of a National  
organization for the advancement of  
Sinclair computing came up. It was decided  
that since we had developed a core group  
that was dedicated to promoting Sinclair  
computing, we would attempt to lay the  
groundwork for such an organization. It was  
also mentioned that the greater the amount  
of time from the departure of Timex from  
the computer industry, the less of an active  
market would result. Since we would have  
users from across the nation at the fest, it  
would be an idea time to make our plans  
known. So, the Sinclair Northamerica Users  
Group, or SNUG (a name submitted to us by  
John Cushran, and later modified by Bill  
Jones) was starting to come closer to reality.

### WHAT IT IS

The intent of SNUG is to provide a forum  
for the exchange of ideas. It would be a  
source of information, such as a listing of  
active members, active user groups, Sinclair  
specific Bulletin Boards, an active library of  
public domain software, and a listing of  
available shareware and freeware. Later on  
we hope to propose an industry wide  
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standard of hardware and software compatibility. So as to not to have to reinvent the wheel, and to do this in the shortest amount of time, we are going to try and use an already established national group such as CORSA (Corvair Owners Assn.) as a model to base our group on. SNUG would act as an umbrella organization, with regions being developed to tie in with established groups in those areas.

### WHAT IT ISN'T

It is the intent of the organizers NOT to infringe or supercede any already established User Group or Vendor. It is intended to show some strength to the industry that Sinclair is not dead, and the mere fact that we can get this Organization together will prove that we can stick together and grow and prosper. We look at this as an enhancement to activities that have been planned on. Hopefully a Northamerican Calendar of Events could be established to help co-ordinate any future plans and events. It is not designed to take anything away from anyone.

### WHAT TO DO

We need the support of EVERY SINGLE SINCLAIR USER! Whether you reside in Canada, the U.S., or Mexico, or for that matter anywhere, we need to know how you feel and what you want in this Organization. This is your opportunity to be heard...your comments, criticisms, complaints, or praises. What we have here is nothing more than an idea. Nothing at this time is set in concrete. We are more than open to suggestions. To make it work, these ideas of yours have to be forwarded immediately. We are putting on a time limit untill June 30, 1988. If there is no support, then we will not proceed further. If there is input, we will provide monthly updates to whoever will put the information in print. So, let's hear from you soon!

### CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The Timex computers have been out of production now for four years and the British support for the Sinclairs has been on the decline. A national user group

with provide a centralized forum for all Sinclair enthusiasts. It can be a focal point for all the available Sinclair hardware and software developements. I strongly encourage all of our readers to drop a few lines to Mel Nathanson and let him know what you feel about the SNUG. He can only assume that no feedback means no interest.

## TIMEX TIDBITS

According to the March CATS Newsletter, there will be a computer fest co-hosted by Sharp's and Zebra in the New York/New Jersey area in May. There are no firm details about this as of yet!

It was also reported in the CATS Newsletter that Quantum Computing has shut down all operations and put their stock up for sale. If anybody has any orders pending, you should check their status immediately.

I recently received my latest E. Arthur Brown catalog only to discover that there is no listing for Timex/Sinclair software or hardware. Although I am disappointed, I was not surprised. E. Arthur Brown has been a strong supporter of the Timex community since the early days, providing many great products for all of the Timex computers ever since Timex bailed out, but he is now moving on to new products. I wish him all the best in the future.

According to the IST.U.G. Newsletter, David A. Sullivan of P.O.Box 353, Gilsum, NH 03448 is forming a QL User Group. Mr Sullivan is a computer technician who works at a Keene based computer service center which was an authorized Sinclair service center. He would appreciate any help that can be provided for the establishment of this group.

ZX-Appeal reports that a TS-1500 packaged with a TS-2040 can be purchased for \$30.00 from Electronic Surplus Inc, 1224 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio (216) 621-1052.

## THE 1988 MIDWEST REGIONAL COMPUTER USERS CONFERENCE

The Greater Cleveland Sinclair Users Group will host the third annual Midwest Timex, Sinclair, Amstrad gathering on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 & 27, 1988.  
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Our theme for this event is: "Users - Learning from other Users" - of ZXs, 2068s, Spectrums, QLs, and Amstrad PCs and PCWs.

Displays, demos, and presentations by individuals, users groups, software authors, hardware developers, and vendors will be emphasized.

The assembly will be held at the "Beck Center for the Arts", a Cultural Arts complex in Lakewood, Ohio, a western suburb of Cleveland. This is not a hotel site; attendees will need their own in-town transportation.

We are now seeking volunteers for seminar-type presentations, and are asking user groups and vendors to participate in co-sponsoring the event. A Co-Sponsor is any one who books and pays for a \$25.00 exhibit table(s) now. Co-sponsors funds will be used to support Conference publicity.

Please direct inquiries to: ANDY KOSIOREK, President, Cleveland Sinclair User Group on Compuserve at ID# 76046,3420, on Cleveland Freenet BBS (216/368-3888) at ID# aa236, or c/o SYSOP, on Timelines T/S BBS (216/671-6922) nightly from 10 PM to 6AM EST. Or you can write to the Greater Cleveland Sinclair Users Group c/o 2192 Glenbury Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio 44107. Additional details will be posted as plans are developed.

## CATUG LIBRARY NOTES

By Gary Lessenberry

The Chicago Area Timex Users Group Library has received the following listed articles from other user groups via our newsletter exchange. The newsletters with these articles will be available for check out at the monthly CATUG meetings.

1. USER AMUSER (Mar 1988)  
BIT/S n PC's
2. USER AMUSER (Apr 1988)  
BIT/S n PC's
3. CATS Newsletter (Feb 1988)  
MS-DOS to QL File Conversions
4. CATS Newsletter (Mar 1988)
5. CATS Newsletter (Apr 1988)  
A Streamlined Boot  
Larken Electronics' LKDOS
6. QZX (Jan 1988)  
QL RAM Expansion

- Z88 Reveiw
7. QZX (Feb 1988)  
Fixing 2050 Modem Boards  
Q1 Programming Book Review
8. QZX (Mar 1988)  
TS-2050 Modem Hardware Project  
A Simple Morse Decoder For The QL
9. SLUG Newsletter (Feb 1988)  
Partial Screen Clear for the ZX81  
A 2068 Disc Interface Standard  
The Shell Game (ZX81 Program)
10. SLUG Newsletter (Mar 1988)  
Freq-Inductance-Capacitance (ZX81 Prog)
11. LISTING Newsletter (Jan 1988)  
ZX81/TSXXXX Out-Board Real-Time Clock  
An LED For Your 2040  
Making Code Relocatable
12. HATS Newsletter (Feb 1988)  
Taskmaster Review  
Review On Q-RAM
13. HATS Newsletter (Mar 1988)  
Splat (TS2068 Program)
14. HATS Newsletter (Apr 1988)  
Index 300 (ZX81 & TS2068 Program)
15. The HACKER Newsletter (Mar 1988)  
Screen Control Codes For Your Z88  
Irish Jig (TS2068 Music Program)  
Manimate (TS2068 Program)
16. The HACKER Newsletter (Apr 1988)
17. SMUG Bytes (Mar 1988)  
Tips For The 2068  
"SQ" Notes
18. LST.U.G. Newsletter (Feb 1988)  
Tech-Draw Screen Loader
19. LST.U.G. Newsletter (Mar 1988)  
Servicing The Wafadrive  
SQUAW-T (TS2068 Program)
20. SINCUS Newsletter (Mar/Apr 1988)  
ZX81/TS1000 Tips  
ROM Atlas From ZX Spectrum To 2068  
Lotto (TS2068 Program)
21. ZX-Appeal (Feb/Mar 1988)  
Header Hacker (Part 1)  
Pokin' Around
22. ZX-Appeal (Apr 1988)  
Playing With Electricity  
Header Hacker (Part 2)  
WRx16 Revisited  
The 24K Internal NVM (TS1000 Project)
23. The D-F Data Expansion (Feb 1988)  
Telecommunications On The QL  
More Aerco RP/M Utilities  
CP/M Modem Program Documentation
24. FDD Express (Apr 1988)  
Adding The Amdisk III To The Zebra FDD
25. FDD Express (May 1988)  
Random Access Files On The Timex/FDD

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26. The Ramtop (Jan/Feb 1988)  
The Editor Special Edition (QL Review)  
The Trump Card (QL Review)  
Using QL C
27. Detroit Area T/S News (Jan/Feb 1988)
28. Boston C.S. T/S Newsletter (Jan 1988)  
2068 Windows  
Psion Productivity Tips  
Polking a QL
29. Boston C.S. T/S Newsletter (Mar 1988)  
Hardware Tip For The QL  
QL Programing Tips  
Super BASIC For BEGINNERS  
IDing QL File Types
30. PACC Talk (Feb 1988)  
Sinclair Superiority
31. PACC Talk (Mar 1988)
32. PACC Talk (Apr 1988)
33. Sinc-Link (Jan-Feb 1988)  
Our Computers In Portugal  
A Larken Disk Repair Utility Program
34. Sinc-Link (Mar-Apr 1988)  
Mterm II Mods For The Larken FDD  
Z88 Review (Reprinted from Science & Via Micro)

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